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A short Account of the most considerable News, Foreign and Domestick.

Edinburgh, Tuesday October 23. 1722.

From the Evening Post, October 18.
Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

Paris, October 24.

THE Duchesse Dowager of Orleans was some Days ago taken very ill at Villers Cotterets, a Country House of the Duke Regent her Son, where she called in her way to Rheims; upon the first News of it, Mr. Chirac, first Physician to his Royal Highness, set out Post to go and attend her; when he got there he found that her Highnesses Indisposition was only an Indigestion, of which she is now well recovered, that she proceeded on her Journey, and is arrived at Rheims; whither Mr. Du-lin, a Painter, and Member of the Royal Academy, is to be sent by his Majesty's Direction, to take Draughts of all the Decorations and Ceremonies of the Coronation, in order to make complete Pictures of the whole, and also to draw Patterns of it for the Tapestry Weavers of the Gobelins. There have been struck at the Mint, 255 Medals of Gold, and 5000 of Silver, which will be distributed among the People on the Day of his Majesty's Coronation; on one Side is represented the Ceremony, and on the Reverse, the City of Rheims. 'Tis assured, that the Foreign Ministers of the 20 Clais will not be admitted to sit in the Lodge built for Ambassadors; those of the Republic of Venice will not be there neither, for they are making Dispositions for returning home. 'Tis talked, there are no less than 5000 Criminals in the Prisons of Rheims, who have made Interest to be inserted in the Lists of those who are to obtain Mercy. As the Coronation of his Majesty is to be performed next Sunday, the Cardinal de Noailles, our Archbishop, has issued a Mandate, ordering the Sacrament to be exposed to public View in every Parish thro' his Diocels, and Prayers to be put up to the Almighty, to beseech him to grant to our young Monarch the Spirit of Fortitude and Council, and enable him to govern his Kingdom rightly.

London, October 18. Yesterday his Majesty went to the House of Peers, and gave the Royal Assent to the Bill, for suspending the Habeas Corpus Act, till the 24th of October 1723. Whereby his Majesty is empowered, To secure and detain such Persons, as his Majesty shall suspect to be conspiring against his Person and Government.

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From the Flying Post, October 16.

Rome, October 3. Tuesday last the Garrison of the Castle of St. Angelo passed thro' the City in Order of Battle, and were blessed by the Pope with the usual Ceremony. The Pope has sent a Brief to his Nuncio at Venice, in which he grants the Republick the Tenth of the Clergy's Revenues till the Year 1728 *inclusive*, and lends them 2000 Roman Crowns to be employed in the Fortifications of Corsu. He has likewise sent Letters of Thanks to all the Princes who have shewn their Readiness to defend the Island of Malta against the Turks. The Emperor's Ambassador makes great Instances, that the Bull of the Croissado, which the Pope is to grant his Master for the Dominions yielded to him by the Spanish Crown, may be directed to his Majesty with the Title of King of Spain; but he meets with great Difficulties.

From the Whitehall Evening Post.

Mentz, October 17. Last Saturday the Elector of Bavaria and his Brother the Elector of Cologne, received the Electoral Prince and his Consort the Archduchess, who were lately married at Vienna, and all proceeded to Munich.

London, October 16. The Grand Jury for the County of Essex are to meet next Monday at Rümford, in order to find the Bill against Counsellor Lear.

On Wednesday last his Majesty was pleased to stand Godfather in Person at the Countess Dowager of Sunderland's, at the Christening of her Son, born since the Death of the late Earl her Husband, and named him *George*; the other Godfather being the Earl of Sunderland, and the Dutches of Monmouth, Godmother.

From the Evening Post.

A Speech to the Upper House of Convocation, upon the Presentiment of Dr Atterbury (now Lord Bishop of Rochester) as Prolocutor; By George Smalridge D. D. late Bishop of Bristol, translated from the Latin.

THE Clergy, most Reverend Fathers, have in a solemn Manner with all Fidelity, discharged the Duty you enjoined, the Choice of a Man of Learning and Eloquence out of their own Body, fit to undertake, and equal to execute the Office of a Prolocutor, and they do this Day recommend to you, venerable Fathers, by my Mouth, this excellent † Person, already by his great Merits of the Church, sufficiently recommended to our, to your, and the general Esteem of all good Men, a Person endow'd with such Talents of Mind that he deserves all Manner of Praise; so high in Fame and Reputation, that he stands in need of none; a Person so exactly suiting the Scheme which our Ancestors laid down for a Prolocutor, that he may well seem selected from among us to the high Dignity, not so much by our *Votes*, as by the ancient Rules of *Convocations*.

For, if exquisite Learning can be of any Assistance in the Discharge of this Office, who can discharge it with greater Applause to himself, or more Advantage to us, than one who is well acquainted with all Parts of Literature, long and successfully exercised in most Arts and Studies, most accomplished and perfect in those Sciences which admit of the greatest Perfection? If lastly, it is a peculiar Part of the Character

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ter of a complete *Prolocutor*, to express by his single Tongue the Sentiments of many eloquent Men, we have an Orator of so finished an Eloquence, that you, *Fathers*, need not fear that his Unskilfulness should diminish the Dignity of your Answers; and we may justly hope, that his Eloquence will add a considerable Weight and Advantage to our Petitions; and if good Will has an Influence in reconciling Resentments, Authority a great Force in moderating Assemblies, whom could we rather wish to be a Judge in our Debates, than one whose gentle Disposition renders him so popular, that we may justly hope, by the sweetness of his Temper, to allure all who have any Share of Goodness, to the Study of Peace and Unity; one whose Gravity is so free from Arrogance, that should any Commotions happen to arise among us, the very Dignity of his Presence must immediately surpriseth them? Little therefore, most sacred Fathers, had the Clergy answered your Expectations, had they placed this weighty Burden on any weaker Shoulders; and at the same time they had proved themselves ungratefull and forgetfull of the greatest Benefits, had they not willingly offered any Honours, that they could confer, to one who had so highly deserved of them: He certainly might rightfully claim the first Place in our *Synod*, who by Divine Incitement, strenuously, endeavoured by Divine Favour happily effected this, That *Synod* in this Nation should not be altogether lost and Dead, nor entirely speechless.

The Rest of this you shall have in our next.

The Humble Address of the House of Commons to the King.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled, beg leave to return our humble Thanks to your Majesty for your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

'Tis with Hearts full of Joy, we approach your sacred Person, to congratulate your Majesty, That by the Blessing of God, the Designs of your Enemies have been hitherto happily disappointed and frustrated.

We cannot sufficiently acknowledge your Majesty's Care and Vigilance, and the Wise and prudent Measures you have taken for our Safety, in ordering the Encampment of the Troops, and sending for such others from Ireland, as were thought further necessary for the Peace and Quiet of this Kingdom. And its the greatest Satisfaction to us, to see the Readiness of your Majesty's good Friends and Allies the *States General*, to assist you with a Body of Forces, if there had been Occasion.

But among all the Steps taken for the Security of your Majesty and Kingdom, none can possibly equal that of the speedy calling your loyal Commons together in Parliament, who are met determined with the utmost Unanimity and Zeal, to do every Thing in their Power for the Preservation of your Majesty's most sacred Person: Nor can less be expected from the Gratitude and Affection of a free People, sensible that, thro' the whole Course of your Reign no Innovation has been attempted in our holy Religion, nor the least Inroad made upon the Liberty and Property of any of your Subjects, and that the full Enjoyment of all that is dear and valuable to them is entirely owing to your Majesty's Government.

Tho' the Enemies to our happy Establishment should have Malice and Boldness enough still to be carrying on their traiterous Designs, yet we are assured that all Uneasiness and Apprehensions will vanish, when your faithful Commons assure your Majesty, that they will enable you effectually to suppress all remaining Spirit of Rebellion.

If neither the sacred Obligation of the most solemn Oaths, nor the certain Misery they must bring upon their Country, who would attempt to overturn this Government, can deter them from such Undertakings: If there be any of your Majesty's Subjects, who are so abandoned as to be ready to exchange the Protestant Religion for Popery, and Liberty for Slavery; yet we hope the vigorous Resolutions of a loyal and Dutiful Parliament will convince them of the Danger as well as Folly of such an Attempt, and shew the whole World, that the Generality and best Part of your People are so far from giving any Invitation to Foreign Powers to invade us, that they will, with their Lives and Fortunes, support your Majesty against all your Enemies at Home and Abroad.

We cannot therefore express too great an Abhorrence of such unnatural Practices, nor too great an Indignation against those who would have made the Capital of this flourishing Kingdom a Scene of Blood and Desolation: Wicked Men! whilst they have the Malice to revile your Government, and attempt to overturn it, at the same Time have the Insolence to depend upon the Clemency of it for their Security: While they are endeavouring to destroy all Liberty, they are clamouring that a few of them are, for the public Safety, confined: While they are attempting to destroy all Property, they are murmuring at the necessary Taxes given to your Majesty for the Security of it: And whilst they act against all Law themselves, they trust and are confident, that even in their own Cases, the Laws of the Realm will be the Rule and Measure of your Majesty's Actions.

We beg Leave to acknowledge, with great Gratitude, your Majesty's Goodness in assuring us, that notwithstanding the traiterous Practices of your Enemies have made the Increase of the annual Expence necessary, yet Care will be taken, that the Supplies to be asked for the Year ensuing, shall very little exceed what was given for the Service of the last.

And we assure your Majesty, that we will not only make good the extraordinary Expences that have been already incurred, but will, with all Cheerfulness, grant whatever shall be necessary for the Safety of the Kingdom, being intirely convinced, that we can by no other Means restore public Credit, and enable our selves to attempt the gradual Reduction of the National Debt (with a strict Regard to Parliamentary Faith) than by doing every Thing in our Power for the Support of your Majesty's Government, and our happy establishment in your Royal Family.

And we do, with all due Humility, return your Majesty our unfeigned Thanks for your most gracious Declaration, on which we entirely rely, That your Majesty will steadily adhere to our Constitution in Church and State, and continue to make the Laws of the Realm the Rule and Measure of your Actions.

Wri's Letter verbatim, October 18, 1722.

THE Substance of the Debates in the House of Commons for and against the Bill to suspend the *Habeas Corpus Act*, were to this Effect, *viz.*

Those who were against the Bill, said, That tho' they did not doubt of a Conspiracy having been formed against the Government, yet as the same was discovered, they thought there was no Necessity to continue the Suspension of the said Act for so long a Time as 12 Months.

But those on the other Side, and particularly Mr. Walpole, said there was a Design by some Great Men, at the Demise of the Queen, to proclaim the Pretender: That as to the present Plan, an Insurrection was intended during the Election of this present Parliament, as the most proper Time to get a Parliament at their Side; and that if it had not been discovered, a Parliament might perhaps have been now sitting for the Pretender, who at that Time left Rome with a Design to embark on the Coast of Italy: That the late Duke of Ormond had also left Madrid with the like Intention; but upon Intelligence of their Designs being discovered, desisted.

That their Design was formed for an Insurrection in May last, when the King was to go over to Germany; That it was to begin in London, and that the Design of the Conspirators was to seize the Bank, and all such Persons as they thought might most oppose them: That for this End they had tampered with many of the Serjeants of the Army; but most of them refusing, they had engaged Officers from Abroad, and raised Sums of Money; but being discovered, and the King not going Abroad, they had since agreed to undertake it on their own Strength, upon the Advice of the Bishop of Rochester (now in the Tower) who said their Numbers were sufficient, and was very angry with some who thought it impracticable.

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That Affair standing thus, there was a Necessity to continue the Bill for 12 Months, because they may perhaps, during the Recess, renew their Attempts; which Mr. Walpole said, were bloody and cruel, and that the Particulars would soon, so far as was necessary, be laid before both Houses.

Yesterday the Lord Carteret acquainted the House of Peers, that he was commanded by his Majesty to inform their Lordships, That their having been just Cause to continue the Bishop of Rochester, Lord North and Grey and the Lord Boyle, for being engaged in traitorous Conspiracies against his Majesty's Person and Government, they have been severally committed to the Tower for High Treason, by Order of one of his Majesty's Secretaries of State; his Majesty desires the Consent of the House that the said Lords may be therefor detained, according to the Act for suspending the *Habeas Corpus Act*, which that Day passed the Royal Assent.

Hereupon the Clause in the said Act, which relates to the Commitment of the Members of either House, was read; and upon the Question, the House consented that these Lords should be detained, pursuant to the said Act.

In the mean-time 'tis reported, That the Lord Chief Justice Pratt, and the Judges Tracy and Gilbert, will suddenly set out for Essex, to which End the Grand Jury of the said County are to have a Meeting on Monday next, to found the Bill.

Mr. Speaker this Day reported to the Commons the King's Answer to their Address, viz. That his Majesty will always look upon his own and his Peoples Interest to be inseparable, and will make no Use of any Power or Confidence that his faithful Commons shall place in him, but in Support of our Constitution, and Maintenance of the Rights and Privileges of the People.

35 Petitions were read, complaining of undue Elections.

The Lords did not sit this Day: their Lordships have appointed the Bishop of Gloucester to preach before them the 5th of November next.

Mr. Butler the Non-juring Minister is admitted to Bail.

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THAT Mr. James Craig, Professor of Law in the University of Edinburgh, begins his Colleges on the Civil Law on Thursday the first of November next, at the Place and Hours as formerly.

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